

Hartsbourne Herald

Showtime!



Hartsbourne
Primary School
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What a treat; two fantastic shows in one week! The children did an amazing job; we were all very proud of them. Thank you for providing costumes and helping them learn their lines and a big thank you staff for all their hard work. Thank you also for your charity donations we will be supporting Hearing Dogs (who train dogs for the hearing impaired) and Sunflower (a Hertfordshire charity for families who have suffered domestic violence).



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STAFFING (Y3 and Y5)

I appreciate your patient support with our staffing difficulties. I will be able to let you have all the final details on Monday 19th December.

PUNCTUALITY

Please be punctual to collect your child; 3.20pm at the classroom door. Collect younger children before older as they are permitted to walk around to their younger sibling's class. If someone else is collecting your child please make sure they know the school day ends at **3.20pm promptly**. We have far too many children in the library at the end of the day not sure who is collecting them. This week one parent calmly said 'sorry I forgot the time...' (!) We recently heard of a school that charges parents £10.00 per hour for childcare when they are late.

SPECIAL NEEDS SURVEY

HCC are conducting a 'special needs' survey. See information on Page 2.

FRIENDS OF HARTSBOURNE CALENDAR

Friends made a profit of £1714.00 on the school calendars! Many thanks for your support—an amazing achievement!

ACHIEVEMENT LAST WEEK (OUR VALUES)

Rec: Casper for enthusiasm in the Christmas dance rehearsals.

Year 1: Emanuel for making an effort to settle down in Y1.

Year 2: William for kindness towards his classmates.

Year 3: The whole class have helped each other this week.

Year 4: Sofia for being a polite and well mannered student.

Year 5: Roberto for support in PE lessons.

Year 6: Sophie W. is a kind and supportive peer.

Have a lovely weekend from Valerie Hudson and all the staff at Hartsbourne.

OFSTED 2016:

The Headteacher has established a **very caring culture** for these pupils, and **all staff fully subscribe to it**. Pupils have **total confidence** in adults to deal with **any issues** that arise either in class or in the playground. School leaders are..... **constantly striving to seek ways to support individual pupils**.



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* = parents invited	
AUTUMN TERM (2ND HALF)	
Christmas Panto in school	20.12.16
END OF AUTUMN TERM 2.00PM	21.12.16
SCHOOL RETURNS FRIDAY (!)	6.1.17
Close of Primary School Applications	15.1.17
Friends' KS1 and KS2 Disco Thurs.	25.1.17
Termly Governors' Meeting 6.00pm	25.1.17
Themed Week (Take One Book)	6.2.17
Reducing Sugar in Children's Diets talk	7.2.17
Friends' Valentine's Day Cake Sale	10.2.17
HALF TERM	13.2.17
Parents' Evening (early) Tuesday	7.3.17
Parents' Evening (late) Thursday	9.3.17
Mothers' Day Sale Wednesday/Friday	22/24.3.17
Y6 to PGL	27.3.17
End of Term: Friday: Close 2.00pm	31.3.17
INSET:	18.4.17
School Opens 8.45am	19.4.17

THEMED DAY: Friday 6th January 2017

**RECORD BREAKERS
NON-UNIFORM DAY (NO COST)**

COLLECTION FROM CLUBS:
Please collect from the following areas:

- Football Club should be collected from the playground.
- Sports clubs, dance and drama in the hall should be collected from the hall door.
- Art Club should be collected from the Y5/Y6 double doors (side entrance).

Hertfordshire County Council have developed a directory of parenting courses, which is available on the website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport.

TESCO; WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED AN £8,000 GRANT TO IMPROVE OUR NATURE RESERVE!

BIG THANKS TO ALL THOSE PARENTS WHO SHOPPED

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS	
Primary applications for new Reception open	7.11.16
Close of applications	15.1.17

MESSAGE FROM HCC RE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS:

We want to improve how and where we provide you with information and advice if you have a child with special educational needs or a disability (SEND). Please tell us what you think or what your experiences have been by completing our short online survey at:

<http://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/SENDIAG/> We look forward to hearing from you before the deadline of 31 December.

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Writer of the Week

Rec: Dimitri for extra effort writing labels.
 Year 1: Diesel for persistence in ordering words alphabetically.
 Year 2: Charlotte S for a poem containing lots of adjectives.
 Year 3: Ayyan for super effort with presentation and handwriting in all lessons.
 Year 4: Megan for practising spellings and the subsequent high score in the test.
 Year 5: Lebron for graphic and descriptive story set in the rain forest.
 Year 6: Zelal for beautiful presentation of an explanation text.

Mathematician of the Week

Rec: Gracie-Mae for hard work ordering numbers.
 Year 1: Sadie for great work with repeated addition.
 Year 2: Louie for his work ordering numbers, including negative numbers.
 Year 3: Sophia for solving measurement word problems independently.
 Year 4: Ali for trying hard to keep short division working out nice and neat.
 Year 5: Michael for great work with fractions and word problems.
 Year 6: Angelica for great work when calculating averages.



FRIENDS OF HARTSBOURNE DIARY OF EVENTS 2016—2017

WHAT	WHEN	TIME/WHERE
KS1/KS2 Disco	Wednesday 25th January	School Hall
Reducing Sugar in Children's Diets (talk)	Tuesday 7th February	School Hall
Valentine's Day Cake Sale	Friday 10th February	School Hall
Mothers' Day Sale	Wed 22nd/24th March	Classroom
Movie Night	TBC	TBC
Spring Tidy Up	Saturday 6th May 2016	Grounds
Fathers' Day sale	Wed 14/16th June	Classroom
Bring a bottle/dress down	Friday 30th June	School
Summer Fair	Saturday 1st July	School Grounds
Crazy Hair/Ice Cream Sale	Wednesday 19th July	School

Housepoints Congratulations!

Sika **Roe** **Muntjac** **Fallow**

261

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250

Parents' Forum Notes

WHAT'S GOING WELL	EVEN BETTER IF....
Playground equipment, eg outdoor gym	There was an even more competitive sports day.
School lunches	More continuous assessment, they stay at the same levels for a long time.
Book challenge in Year 4	More times tables practise especially in Y3
Classroom blogs and website	More clubs, especially at lunchtimes.
My children are happy to come to school!	There was a lost property box.
Open door	
QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	
Could we have after school tennis lessons, a school netball club or rounders?	The multi-sport club in summer term sometimes play tennis.
Do teachers keep a record of Friday certificates? Some children get more than others.	Teachers do keep a record, there are 3 certificates per class per week.
Are records kept of the Headteacher's sticker awards?	No; but teachers are encouraged to send children for a golden sticker.
What was the outcome from the Tesco vote?	£8,000 has been awarded to improve the nature reserve.
Do the children have IT lessons?	Yes, this is timetabled weekly.
Is there a standard policy for learning a musical instrument?	The children learn recorder in Y3 and djembe in Year 4 and Year 5. Peripatetic teachers come in to teach guitar and piano.
Why are school dinners allowed a dessert but packed lunches aren't?	Packed lunches are allowed dessert; they are NOT allowed chocolate bars/sweets (eg milky way stars) and chocolate biscuits. Plain chocolate cake is acceptable.
What play equipment is planned for KS1?	Adventure trail or similar in the music area. Eventually the boat will be removed.
Do you put out balls, skipping ropes etc at playtime?	Yes; small balls for tennis (not footballs) or catching games. We may restrict equipment if the playground is very wet and slippery.
Could we have a choir, chess club, swimming?	We have had two choirs at Hartsbourne, sadly attendance starts strongly and falls off quickly. We do not currently have any adult in the school who plays chess. The vast majority of parents do not like to pay for the coach to go swimming which takes an afternoon. We will re-visit this with Governors.
Do children read to the Head teacher?	No, but it's a nice idea! I'll try it.
Are all parents aware of the birthday book scheme?	Possibly not, Friends will see if they can re-activate in the spring term.